

## March Madness is Celebrated by Team IES



The annual March Madness celebration was held on Friday, March 30th! It was a festive afternoon, with all gr. 3-7 students enjoying this school-wide event! March Madness is a 7th grade unit with strong emphasis on mathematics. Students investigate and explore a variety of math concepts and skills, including formulas for area, perimeter, and circumference. Skills also include fraction \ decimal equivalents, percents, proportion, and symmetry. Statistics such as mean, median, mode, and range are introduced as well.



This year's celebration got off to a great start with the singing of the national anthem, by **Ebhann Brown and Olivia Ouellette!** A special dedication then followed, honoring the members of our **Third Grade Team**, who will be moving to Douglas Elementary School next year. We will greatly miss the members of this dedicated, hard-working, and fun-loving team, as they have enhanced our community immeasurably over the years! Luckily, we will continue to have the opportunity to collaborate with them as we work together to help prepare and transition students from grade 3 to grade 4!



It was also so nice to have fifth grader **Zachary Urbanowski** in attendance. Zachary is currently recovering at home, but was able to attend March Madness, and the whole assembly cheered as he was presented with a special basket! Performances by the cheerleaders were also enjoyed by everyone!



Our wonderful Third Grade Team, recipients of this year's March Madness Dedication!

(From left: Mrs. Kathy Jost, Mrs. Danielle Hippert, Ms. Michelle Babigian, Ms. Amy Baldyga, Ms. Melissa Molvar, and Mrs. Kathy Gauthier. Mrs. Eleanor Auger is on leave.)

Congratulations go out to our winners: Bidy Hoop Championship: **Dylan Hatfield**; Girls Final 4: **Sydney Hurteau**; and Boys Final 5: **Ben Dame**. The winner of the "Million Dollar Shot," along with a \$200 savings bond, was **Alyssa Bourque**.

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Special academic awards were presented to the following 7th grade students: Grant Gualteri, Math (Mr. Paul Bolio); Victoria Desilets, History (Mrs. Debbie Simonelli); Brooke Linnehan, Spanish (Mrs. Ellen Reber); Eric Harris, Literature (Mrs. Judy Deary); Kylie Blake, Science (Mrs. Rachel Usher); and Olivia Oulette, Composition (Ms. Sharon Fogarty). The special March Madness Academic MVP Award went to Emily Lane.



A special "Thank You" goes out to everyone who made March Madness a reality, especially **Mr. Paul Bolio** and the other members of the **Seventh Grade Team**. We also appreciated all of the wonderful help from the **Related Arts Specialists** – **Mrs. Susan Nichols**, **Mrs. Elaine Loehmann**, **Mr. Larry Pierce**, **Mr. John Rheaume**, and **Ms. Kristen Sacco**; **Mr. Steve Picotte** for his assistance in setting up in the gym; and **Mr. Scott Villemaire** for his

oversight of the audio-visual components of the program. Finally, we thank the **IES PTO** members for all of their support with purchasing the prizes, and our office staff, **Mrs. Cheri Osterman** and **Ms. Liz Sousa**, for helping out in so many different ways. March Madness ended the week on a great note, with school spirit at an all-time high!

